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that a majority of the unvaccinated persons have been vaccinated, and that the early disappearance of the disease from Manila may be confidently hoped for.

Cholera.—With the exception of a few cases of cholera reported in the provinces of Pangasinan, and a few cases in the town of Las Piñas, near Cavite, the disease seems to have practically disappeared from the Philippine Islands.

During the week, consular bills of health were issued as follows:

April 2, the British steamship *Vine Branch*, with 44 crew, en route from Newcastle to Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health. April 3, the British steamship *Oceano*, coal laden, with 50 in the crew, en route from Newcastle to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Measures to prevent introduction of plague into Porto Rico.

Chief Quarantine Officer Foster reported May 6:

The American consul at Curaçao informs me that restrictions against La Guaira are rigid, but against Caracas and Puerto Cabello practically nil. Passengers from Venezuela will not be permitted to land at this port without a detention of a sufficient length of time to insure their being at least 7 days from La Guaira and without taking their temperatures before release.

Doctor Foster reported May 11 that the acting governor of Porto Rico was perfectly satisfied with measures taken against the introduction of plague into the island; that no patrol was considered necessary at present, and that the advice of the chief quarantine officer for the destruction of rats at all ports will be adopted.

May 13 and 14 he reported:

I am considering all Venezuelan ports as suspicious and am holding Curaçao passengers, enforcing all plague regulations, and taking every reasonable precaution. The subports have been instructed in detail to the same end.

Under date of May 13, Doctor Foster was directed by the Bureau, in case of detention facilities at Ponce being inadequate to meet demands, to enforce detention in conjunction with San Juan.

Three steamships from Venezuela per month touch at Porto Rico; one small schooner every 2 months.

Report from Ponce—Transactions of Service, April, 1908.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, May 1, through Chief Quarantine Officer Foster:

Month of April, 1908.

Vessels inspected.....	10
Vessels in quarantine.....	3
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	82
In transit.....	282
Passengers in quarantine.....	29
Immigrants inspected.....	20
Crews inspected.....	307
Bills of health issued.....	28